

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
OXFORD DIVISION**

TOMMIE LEE DOCKERY

PLAINTIFF

VERSUS

CAUSE NO. 3:15-CV-139-MPM-JMV

TUNICA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

DEFENDANT

JURY TRIAL DEMANDED

COMPLAINT

This is an action to recover actual and liquidated damages for age discrimination. The following facts support this action:

1.

Plaintiff TOMMIE LEE DOCKERY is an adult resident citizen of 3315 Highway 61 North #102, Tunica, Mississippi 38676.

2.

Defendant TUNICA COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI is a political subdivision of the State of Mississippi. It may be served with process upon the Chancery Clerk of Tunica County, Mississippi, Rechelle R. Siggers, at the Tunica County Courthouse, 1300 School Street, Tunica, Mississippi 38676.

3.

This Court has federal question jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and civil rights jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §1343, to redress claims arising under the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, 29 U.S.C. § 621, et seq.

4.

Plaintiff is a sixty-nine (69) year old black male.

5.

Plaintiff was employed for Tunica County, Mississippi, for over nineteen (19) years as a truck driver and road hand. Plaintiff's supervisor repeatedly stated that he did not think Plaintiff and the driver of the truck in which Plaintiff was a laborer, Bobby Watson, were doing an adequate job because of their ages. Watson was over seventy (70) years old. Pressure was placed upon Plaintiff to retire.

6.

In January 2014, the County and Road Department Manager, Joe Hawkins, called Plaintiff into his office and told him, "I am going to retire you in June."

7.

Ultimately, Hawkins called Plaintiff into his office, turned on a tape recorder, and asked him questions designed to show that he was not forcing him to retire. Plaintiff did finally state that he would "go ahead and leave." This was not voluntary, but was because the County was making it so difficult that Plaintiff was forced into leaving. His retirement was involuntary.

8.

The age discrimination against Plaintiff has been willful.

9.

Plaintiff is entitled to actual and liquidated damages, and an order of reinstatement.

10.

Plaintiff has filed an EEOC charge regarding age discrimination, and more than sixty (60) have passed since the filing of this charge. See EEOC Charge of Discrimination, attached hereto as Exhibit "A."

REQUEST FOR RELIEF

Plaintiff requests actual and liquidated damages, in an amount to be determined by a jury, for reinstatement, and for reasonable attorneys' fees, costs and expenses.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED, this the 11th day of August, 2015.

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